

RESOLUTIONS ARE ADOPTED OPPOSING INCREASED RATES

SHIPPERS IN CONFERENCE Declare That Further General Increase in Rates to the Southeast Is Not in Conformity With General Tendency of the Times; Wilson Represented at Meeting.

Washington, July 26.—Members of the North Carolina corporation commission, more than 20 representatives of chambers of commerce and shippers' organizations of that state and representatives of the railroads held an unsatisfactory all-day conference here today over the recent order of the Interstate Commerce commission requiring a readjustment of freight rates to remove the differentials enjoyed by Virginia cities over North Carolina Carolina points.

The subject of rates offered by the carriers supposedly to carry out the commission in the famous Virginia North Carolina rate controversy was rejected by the North Carolina shippers and the state corporation commission. Further conferences will be held tomorrow.

After a discussion lasting from 3 o'clock till 6:30, a resolution was adopted, this representing the views of the Virginia and Carolina shippers, being concurred in by the representatives of the eastern seaboard cities, this resolution reading:

"Resolved, (1) that the order of the Interstate Commerce Commission in docket 10,500 and 10,515, does not contemplate a general advance in rates from eastern cities to Virginia cities and a disruption of the relationship between North Atlantic ports.

(2) That good faith demands that the carriers proceed to publish in conformity with the decision of the commission in 10,500 and 10,515 the rates ordered established on basis of present rates.

(3) If, after compliance with the Commission's order, the carriers wish to make any further changes, in rates.

(4) That further general increase in rates to the Southeast are not in conformity with the general tendency of the times, nor in accord with the policy expressed by the traffic executives in conference with the shippers on December 14, 1920."

Tar Heel participants in the conference, in addition to corporation commission members, included:

J. Allen Taylor, N. Jacobi and Jas. H. Cowan, of Wilmington; Col. Albert L. Cox, M. R. Beaman, W. G. Womble, and T. J. McPherson, Raleigh; W. S. Creighton, Charlotte; C. G. Yates, C. F. Newman and C. W. Roberts, Greensboro; Burke Hoggood, Durham; R. L. Askew, Goldsboro; D. W. Suddlin, Fayetteville; J. T. Ryan, High Point; J. L. Graham, Winston-Salem; H. Y. Scott, Wilson; N. Y. Chandliss, Rocky Mount; H. E. Boney, R. A. Brand, G. W. Perrin, R. G. Hodgkin, Wilmington; H. L. Smith, Greenville; E. E. Hope, Statesville.

RUSSIANS FIRED ON GERMAN SHIPS

Minesweeping Fleet Was Fulfilling Treaty Orders to Clear White Sea of Mines.

Berlin, July 27.—The German mine sweeping fleet which has been operating in the Kola Bight on the northern Russian coast is reported in a special dispatch from Vardoe, Norway to have been fired on by Russian land forces. The German fleet returned the fire but no damage is reported on either side.

The German fleet which left Wilhelmshaven a week ago to clear the

MYSTERY SHROUDS SHOOTING OF GOOD TAYLORS' CITIZEN

SHOT WHILE AT PIG PEN Mr. Pearson Was Evidently Shot From Ambush Late Yesterday Afternoon, Death Resulting Instantly; the Deceased Was a Man Highly Respected in His Community

Mr. E. S. Pearson, a highly respected farmer of Taylor's township, was shot and killed late yesterday afternoon about dusk as he was feeding a pig on his premises about a mile from Lamm's store. Complete mystery surrounds the affair. Mr. Pearson was evidently shot from ambush. He was a man, so far as known, without an enemy. The identity of the slayer and the motive for the shooting remain a mystery.

Sheriff Howard and his deputies left last night for the scene of the shooting and are busy today working on the case.

The coroner's jury held an inquest this morning and returned the verdict that the deceased came to his death from gun shot wounds inflicted by unknown parties. Members of the jury were Messrs J. S. Farmer, R. B. Evans, D. A. Batts, C. P. Farmer, J. L. Tomlinson and W. J. Webb.

Details of the shooting as learned here today are as follows: Mr. Pearson left his house about 7 o'clock to feed a pig, which because of its chicken-eating habit had been isolated about 150 yards from the house, his son-in-law, Mr. Russell Brantley, who makes his home with the Pearson's was at the barn about 50 yards from the pig pen feeding the stock. Mr. Brantley heard a gun shot, but thinking it was a hunter somewhere on the farm went on with his work.

Later Mr. Brantley returned to the house and the family prepared for the evening meal. When Mr. Pearson failed to come to supper different members of the family called him. Failing to get an answer, Mr. Brantley went to the pig pen searching for his father-in-law and found his dead body beside the pen. He had been apparently instantly killed by a load from a shot gun, which entered the left shoulder and the head from the side and evidently at close range. There were no signs of a struggle, and Mr. Pearson evidently fell without knowledge of his assailant's presence. The deceased was 46 years of age. He is survived by his wife and four children, Mrs. Russell Brantley, who lives with her parents, Mrs. Sam Brantley, who lives two miles from her parents, Miss Lonie Pearson and Donald Pearson, who live with their parents. Burial will take place this afternoon at the family burial ground.

Mr. Pearson was a substantial farmer and an upright citizen. He had the good will of everybody, so far as is known. And no theory can be advanced as to the cause of the tragedy of last evening.

Mr. Pearson was a preacher in the Sanctificationist church. He was the regular pastor of the Shiloh church of that faith.

JAPAN'S REPLY IS RECEIVED

Washington, July 27.—A communication from Tokio believed to contain formal acceptance by Japan of President Harding's invitation to participate in an international discussion of far eastern questions as well as disarmament was received at the State department today.

Pending decoding and examination officials refused to comment on the nature of the communication and had made no decision as to its publication.

White Sea of mines under provisions of the Versailles treaty has returned to Vardoe to await further developments the dispatch said.

HARDING WORKED OUT COMPROMISE FINANCE PROGRAM

THE AGRICULTURAL GROUP CAME FORWARD WITH BIG FINANCIAL PLANS, AND THE ADMINISTRATION WORKED OVER THE PROGRAM TO MEET THE AILMENTS OF OTHER BUSINESS.

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Washington, July 26.—President Harding has had to intervene again in the affairs of Congress. The agricultural group which has once before threatened to upset the administration program has finally succeeded in forcing to the front its proposals to finance agriculture and the Harding Administration now has worked out a compromise plan which is designed to satisfy the agricultural element and cure a few other domestic troubles at the same time. It is the most significant step that has been taken to meet the ailments of business since the fourth of March.

The President is suggesting a broad policy which is in a sense a reversal of Republican policy of a year ago but which has been made necessary by developments and circumstances. When the war ended, the Republican Congress put an end to the War Finance Corporation and the cry everywhere was to take the government out of the banking business. Economic distress developed a demand for the revival of the War Finance Corporation. This was bitterly fought by Secretary Houston and the Wilson Administration but Congress passed the measure over the presidential veto. It was argued that the government would do only an incidental thing and would not engage in financing private business on a large scale. But the revival of the War Finance Corporation hasn't proved sufficient. The farmers are not satisfied. They realized that the Corporation did help finance exports but its powers were not adequate to finance the delivery on this side of the water—the movement from farm to seaboard. So the Norris bill was proposed.

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BIRTH

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Erwin B. Langley, a son, Erwin Brown Langley, Jr., on July 27th. The baby weighs ten pounds.

Mrs. R. H. Dillon and children, Estelle and R. H. Jr., of Goldsboro, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Moore.

MARKETS

COTTON.

New York, July 27.—With exception of little steadiness at the opening when first prices were 1 to 4 points higher the cotton market was under pressure under liquidation influenced by bearish crop reports, going to 11.90, for Oct. or 10 points under the previous close.

New York, July 27.—Cotton futures opened steady. Oct. 12.03, Dec. 12.45, Jan. 12.40, March 12.71, May 12.75 bid.

The market at noon was as follows: Jan. 12.44, March 12.76, May 12.89, Oct. 12.02, Dec. 12.42.

The market closed at 2:15 as follows: Jan. 12.55, March 12.20, May 12.97, Oct. 12.13, Dec. 12.55.

Wilson Spots 10.25.

STOCKS.

New York, July 27.—Acute weakness in United Drug shares which sustained further loss of 5 1-4 points and soon extended to 7 1-4 dealing in today's stock market. Among more popular issues advances predominated. United States Steel gained substantial fractions. Baldwin Locomotive and American woolen were firm.

HUGHES DEMANDS SOVIETS RELEASE EVERY AMERICAN

FIRST OFFICIAL DEMAND

It Is Understood the State Department Insists That All American Prisoners in Russia Must Be Released Before There Can Be Better Relations Between the Nations.

Washington, July 27.—Formal demand for the release of American prisoners in Russia has been made on the Soviet authorities by Secretary Hughes. The state department advised today that the communication had been handed to the Soviet representative at Revel yesterday by Consul Albrecht.

The text of the communication has not been made public. It is understood to be a brief insistence that Americans must be released before there can be any sort of better relations with the Soviet government. The action was taken in the name of humanity and because all efforts made through Dr. Nansen of the Red Cross have failed.

What course will be taken by the United States if the Soviet authorities ignore or refuse to accede to the demand was not indicated. The communication was sent to the consul July 25.

The curt demand made upon the Russian authorities for the release of American prisoners is the first official representation made upon the subject although Lenin and Trotsky and their associates have been personally advised informally of the determination of the United States not to consider relationship with this government until the prisoners are released.

RESISTANCE OF TURKISH NATIONALISTS BROKEN

Athens, July 27.—Information from all sources indicate the resistance of the Turkish Nationalists in Asia Minor is completely broken. Greek official news agency declares in a statement made today.

The Turkish losses in killed, wounded and prisoners is estimated at 60,000. The Greeks, the statement says are constantly pressing the Kemalists along the road to Angora.

London, July 27.—Mustapha Kemal Pasha, head of the Turkish nationalist government has sent a telegram to Constantinople asking the Central government to intervene with the allies to obtain cessation of Greek-Turko hostilities according to dispatches.

LED SUNDAY SCHOOL AFTER KILLING HIS WIFE

Wilmington, July 27.—Brunswick county authorities today charge that after shooting his wife to death and throwing the body in a swamp last Sunday morning Ed. Sneed, a negro of that county proceeded to the Sunday school of which he is superintendent and calmly directed the services. The body of his wife was discovered while Sunday school was in progress and Sneed was arrested as he left the church. News of the killing reached Wilmington today.

IRISH REPUBLICANS STILL CONSIDERING PEACE

Dublin, July 27.—Eamon De Valera, Irish Republican leader, and his colleagues have not yet found a basis for the proposed conference with the British government on the Irish question in London but are continuing to search for a common ground on which the contending parties can meet, according to reports here.

SENATORS AGREED ON QUICK ACTION ON TAX REVISION

PRESIDENT HARDING HAD SENATORS AS HIS GUESTS AT A DINNER AT THE WHITE HOUSE LAST NIGHT. RAILROAD QUESTION AND FUNDING OF ALLIED LOANS ALSO CAME UP.

Washington, July 27.—Virtual agreement was said today to have been reached at a dinner conference at the White House last night for Senate consideration of tax revision legislation before the permanent tariff act is taken up by that body. A number of senators were President Harding's guests and the legislative situation it was said was discussed.

White House officials had nothing to say about the conference and it was understood President Harding himself had forbidden an advance announcement of his plan to consult his former colleagues in the Senate. They were said to have advised him that the finance committee would not have the tariff bill ready for senate consideration short of five or six weeks and on this showing the consensus of opinion that tariff revision should be given precedence was said to have been disclosed.

President Harding is said to have declared the tax measure would require working over to a hitherto unexpected extent.

American valuation provision bills were discussed by the diners and there were reports that the President did not favor the policy.

The railroad question and funding allied loans also were talked over during dinner as well as a summer recess for Congress.

Harding told his guests he hoped both branches of Congress could recess from the middle of Aug. to the latter part of September or first of October, but he was opposed to a recess of either house until the tax revision bill has passed the house, leaving the senate finance committee to work on the tax measure during the vacation.

Senate leaders said all proposals for a recess would be abandoned until the tax bill came from the house probably within a fortnight, the house recessing about the middle of August.

SHIPPING BOARD IN NEED OF MONEY.

Washington, July 27.—Chairman Lescar of the shipping board today asked the house appropriation committee for immediate \$125,000,000 appropriations to meet expenses during the next five months. No action was taken.

LIGGETT'S ASSETS IN HANDS OF TRUSTEES.

Boston, July 27.—The announcement that the personal assets of Louf Liggett, president of the United Drug company, had been placed in the hands of trustees was made as a result of the decline of crucible stock of that company during the past twenty four hours.

BOY DIES FROM DOSE OF POISON

Rocky Mount, July 27.—Ben Blood worth, 18 years old, died at a local hospital late yesterday as the result of drinking a bottle of beverage containing poison which his mother is alleged to have prepared and given him. The mother also drank some of the poison and is in a critical condition.

She has made no statement as to the cause of her alleged act. The body of the boy was shipped today to MacIntyre, Ga., the former home of the Bloodworths.

PARTLY CLOUDY.

For North Carolina: Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday with gentle variable winds.

WOULD ESTABLISH SOBRIETY IN MEN ON PROHIBITION JOB

NO OTHERS NEED APPLY

The Director of Prohibition in North Carolina Declares Applicants for Jobs Should Have the Testimony of Two Ministers as to Their "Sobriety and Integrity."

Salisbury, July 27.—Two ministers should testify to the "sobriety and integrity" of men seeking jobs in enforcing prohibition, director Kohlloss stated in a letter sent to all Republican county chairmen in the state today. Mr. Kohlloss stated he had a number of vacancies to fill and asked county chairmen to recommend men for appointment whose "sobriety and obedience to the laws" are well known.

The application of no one who has the reputation of being an avowed anti prohibitionist will be considered.

The appointment of Henry Hobson and A. H. Price of this city as the chief clerk and legal advisors respectively was announced.

JACKSONVILLE GETS BAPTIST CONVENTION.

Nashville, Tenn., July 27.—Jacksonville, Fla., has been awarded the 1922 session of the Southern Baptist convention to convene May 7 and continue a week it was announced today by Dr. Hite C. Moore, recording secretary of the convention.

RICKARD AND QIMBY FINED \$1,000 EACH

New York, July 27.—Tex Rickard, promoter of the Dempsey-Carpentier fight and Frederick Quimby, motion picture exhibitor today pleaded guilty before Judge Shepherd to charges of violating the interstate commerce law in transportation across the state line of Dempsey Carpentier pictures and were fined \$1,000 each.

NEWSPAPER MEN MEET AT MOREHEAD CITY.

Morehead City, July 27.—With newspaper men here from all parts of the State the annual convention of the North Carolina Press Association opened here today for a three days' meeting.

CLEANING UP MOSQUITO BREEDING PLACES.

Mayor Killeter and Dr. L. J. Smith of the health department made a tour of inspection throughout the town of Wilson today searching for breeding places for mosquitoes. They located five such places. These will be cleaned up by the owners, state the health department officials, or steps will be taken to bring about the cleaning up of the places.

STILL PREDICTING PELAGRA SCOURGE

The Public Health Service Declares 100,000 Victims May Result From Disease.

Washington, July 27.—Surgeon General Cummings of the public health service was prepared to report to President Harding today on the result of preliminary conferences with Red Cross officials and others as to measures to meet the reported pelagra situation in the south.

Despite protests from eight southern states yesterday that the seriousness of the situation had been exaggerated in government reports, General Cummings said the public health service still stood by the prediction that unless measures were adopted at least 100,000 pellagra victims would result and that 10 per cent of these would die.